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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2010 (Paper No. 20100504), for which a response was due on August 5, 2010. This response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and a petition and fee for a two months' extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.